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SUBJECT: UAE PLANS TO JOIN GICNT PLENARY

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[¶](#)1. Unable to secure an appointment for a troika demarche earlier, Post previously passed reftel agenda to MFA in coordination with the Dutch and Russian embassies, and encouraged UAE participation in the June 16-17 GICNT plenary in The Hague. When a troika meeting was arranged on May 18, MFA Assistant Under secretary for Legal Affairs Dr. Abdulrahim al-Awadi met with the Dutch Ambassador, the Russian Charge, and Pol Chief to review UAE interest in the GICNT meetings.

[¶](#)2. Al-Awadi noted prior UAEG participation in GICNT and said it would organize a delegation appropriate to the topics on the agenda. Responding to the Dutch Ambassador's request that the UAEG consider addressing one of the topics on the afternoon of June 16 (terrorist safe havens or terror finance), he said the UAEG would reply later but would in principle be happy to address "either or both."

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